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### **UM STUDENT-ATHLETES OUTSTANDING IN ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**

#### **MISSOULA -**

The University of Montana Intercollegiate Athletics spring 2006 grade report once again shows that UM student-athletes are as successful in academic fields as on the playing fields.

Compiled each semester, the report is a benchmark to see how the University's student-athletes compare academically to UM's general student population.

Results of the spring semester 2006 report show that the University's 288 student-athletes achieved higher-than-average term and cumulative grade-point averages while taking higher-than-average credit loads.

UM's student-athletes achieved an average cumulative GPA of 3.00, and 156 of them -- more than half -- earned a 3.00 GPA or higher.

"Our student-athletes prove every day that they are truly model students on our campus," said UM Associate Athletic Director Jean Gee. "I am proud to be part of a program that recruits and retains such high-achieving students."

Eight of the 12 athletic teams on the report earned average GPAs greater than 3.00.

The women's golf team led UM athletes with an average spring term GPA of 3.51 and

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cumulative GPA of 3.45. Women's basketball, cross country, soccer, tennis, track and volleyball teams and the men's tennis team all earned average GPAs greater than 3.00, both cumulatively and during spring semester 2006.

Men's basketball, cross country, football and track were not far behind, with cumulative average GPAs ranging from 2.81 for men's track to 2.93 for men's cross country. Men's basketball came in with a 2.91 average cumulative GPA, and the 99 UM football players earned an average cumulative GPA of 2.83.

Sixty UM student-athletes made the dean's list for spring semester 2006, and 17 of those students achieved a 4.00 GPA.

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